

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application and are the subject of a Restriction Requirement and an Election of Species requirement. Applicants have amended claim 5 to have the claim depend solely from elected claim 1. The specification also has been amended to correct a translation error and provide grammatical consistency with respect to the recited ranges. The changes are clearly supported by the original disclosure. No new matter is added.

This responds to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, dated February 21, 2007. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-7 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes there are no generic claims. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's Election of Species requirement, Applicant elects the species defined by claims 1, 2 and 5 for examination.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 3-10.

Response to Restriction and Election of Species Requirement
And Preliminary Amendment
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